(b) if so, the details of the changes likely to be made in the Administrative set-up of Punjab; and

(c) the extent to which the administrative change would curb activities of terrorists in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The Government of Punjab have reported that a number of administrative have been taken to deal with the situation and to curb violence. The action launched against terrorists has yeilded good results.

Financial assistance to families of Terrorists

129. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that the families of terrorists who have been killed in Punjab are being given financial assistance by several youths belonging to political parties;

(b) whether the youths in Punjab are collecting huge amounts from the Public by issuing threats and delivering the same to the families of terrorists publicity;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Central Government as well as the State Government to book those persons in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Government have seen reports that Shahidi Samagams have been organised at different times and places by political parties and AISSF elements where financial assistance has been given to family members of killed terrorists.

(b) and (c) Specific details in this regard are awaited from the Government of Punjab.

Firearms Licensing Policy in Punjab

130. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government propse to make important changes in the firearms licensing policy in view of the need of the people for self-protection;

(b) if so, the details of the changes likely to be made in the existing fire arms licensing policy by Punjab Government; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure that the arms will be given to Punjab people for self-protection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Government of Punjab proposed a review of the restrictions imposed by the amendment made on 24-1-89 to the Arms Rules, 1962 limiting the powers to issue/renew licences for non-prohibited bore weapons to the respective areas of jurisdiction of the District Magistrates and State Governments and requiring clearances of the Central Government for issue/renewal of all India licences. The matter has been reviewed and the Arms Rules, 1962 were amended on 28-3-90 going away with the requirement of obtaining prior clearance of the Central Government for issue/renwal of all India licences and empowering District Magistrates to renew all India licences and issue licences for the District/State concerned. State Government have been empowered to issue all India licences.

(c) Adequate provisions exist in the Arms Act, 1959 and Arms Rules, 1962 for obtainng fire arms licences for self-defence.

Indian proposals for durable solution of bilateral matters between India and Nepal

131. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of EXERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian team of senior officials has recently visited Nepal

with comprehensive draft of proposals to find a durable solution of all bilateral matters;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held with the officials of Nepal Government;

(c) whether the Indian team came back with a request from Nepal that it needs time for a detailed study; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government to the propsoals of the Nepal Government.

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Nepalese side sought some more time to respond to the comprehensive draft submitted by the Indian delegation. The Indian side agreed to this request. No reactions have so far been received from the Govt. of Nepal.

(d) Does not arise.

Pak funds for J & K Militants

132. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Pak fund for J&K militants" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated 25-3-90;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have taken/propose to take any steps to ensure that funds raised by the Pakistan's Punjab Province Party do not reach the militants in J&K; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d)

Any action that encourages subversion, terrorism and violence directed against India is unacceptable. Government will take all measures considered necessary to defend India's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Business establishments in Kashmir Valley

133. SHRI GHUFRÁN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to recent outbreak of militant activities in the Kashmir Valley, a large number of busisess establishments have come to a stand still and banking services have been paralysed;

(b) if so, whether Government have contemplated any steps in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Due to fear psychosis created by terrorism, the activities of business establishments and banking services have been gradually affected in the Valley.

(b) and (c) Efforts are being made to restore normalcy which includes creating conditions to enable the business establishments and banking services to start functioning normally.

Escape by JKLF Activists from Prison

134. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 12 top-most JKLF activists had escaped from the prison in Jammu and Kashmir as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 29th March, 1990;

(b) if so, whether Government have since contemplated any action in this